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The Official Bulletin of The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie

Keeping the Faith Through COVID-19

Over the last few months, our world has been turned upside down by the COVID-19 crisis. Various shutdowns in states and provinces across North America have had a major impact on our membership efforts for the end of 2019-20 and the start of 2020-21.

When the virus hit, we were on pace for a Net Gain of nearly 10,000 total members. Suddenly, all recruitment efforts were forced to pause and our daily gains froze, leaving us short of our goal.

On July 11, The Fraternal Order of Eagles dropped 98,127 members for failure to pay dues, with 71,732 Aerie members leaving the organization and 26,395 Auxiliary members.

These drops leave us with a starting point of 577,360 members as we climb back toward our Net Gain goal. As of July 14, we have grown to 578,635 members, with nearly 6,000 applicants and re-applicants waiting in the system.

It's important that we do everything we can to get these applicants and re-applicants initiated and work to recruit more potential applicants.

As of the printing of this issue of Soar, many states have re-opened and several more have shut our Aeries back down, further limiting our ability to grow and raise money. All Aeries must continue to follow any standing State/Provincial or Local government orders regarding operations as we move forward.

We know this has not been an easy time for any of us and we appreciate your understanding as we continue to move forward.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is a strong, proud organization that has weathered several wars, the Great Depression, the recession of the late 2000s and all other hurdles set before us since 1898.

In the wake of each, we emerged stronger than ever, serving as a beacon of hope and rebuilding for each and every community we assist.

It is imperative that we continue that history of perseverance and resolve in the coming months and we do everything we can to provide hope and assistance in the wake of the coronavirus.

The Grand Aerie is currently working on a variety of strategies and programs to help all of you bring back the men and women who were dropped on July 11 and re-build your ranks. We are surveying all of our dropped members to learn more about what the Grand Aerie and the local Aeries/Auxiliaries can do better in the coming years.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during these difficult few months. We appreciate your support and we look forward to getting past this crisis and watching our membership numbers grow again!

Utilize Social Media to Keep Members Safe and Up-To-Date

With everything happening with COVID-19, a lot of regulations have been enforced, but are varying from state to state.

To keep your Aerie and Auxiliary members safe and informed on your state's most recent regulations provided by your governor, take advantage of using social media to update everyone in real time.

On social media, inform your followers of your Aerie 's rules, like requiring facial coverings to enter, maintaining social distance, etc. You can also include best safety practices, food specials, and current charity projects.

While things might not be conventional, all we can do is take everyday one step at a time, stay postive and do our best to ensure the safety of ourselves and others.

Top Producers/New Leaders

May 2020

Aerie:

1. #929 Folsom, CA 60
2. #2163 Kenton, OH 32
3. #668 Muskegon, MI 28
4. #3801 Vergennes, VT 26
5. #4321 Greenville, MI 22

Auxiliary:

1. #347 Lafayette, IN 23
2. #1291 Celina, OH 12
3. #3719 Crystal Beach, TX 10
4. #1005 Crawfordsville, IN 9
5. #564 Tenino, WA 8
5. #38 Omaha, NE 8
5. #4034 Perryville, MO 8
5. #4538 Yuma, AZ 8

Aerie (Individual):

1. Sarah Woods 26
   Folsom, CA #929
2. Denny Price 13
   Moberly, MO #2669
3. Jeff Moorhead 11
   Sheridan, MI #4321 #11
3. Elizabeth Conway 11
   Ellington, MO #4234
5. Nick Slaughter 9
   Citrus Heights, CA #929

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Samantha Sigman 12
   Colfax, IN #347
2. Jennifer Niccum 11
   Lafayette, IN #347
3. Rhonda Schafer 8
   York, NE #38
4. Christina Hanna 7
   Batesville, IN #1130
4. Tana Kocher 7
   Sistersville, WV #2281
4. Patricia Nokleby 7
   Tenino, WA #3242

June 2020

Aerie:

1. #1291Celina, OH 98
2. #486 Coeur D'alene, ID 69
3. #3973 Santee, CA 47
4. #3881 Jefferson, OH 46
5. #2100 Raymond, Alberta, CA 30

Auxiliary:

1. #4089 Port Orange, FL 26
2. #1291 Celina, OH 22
3. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 19
4. #2436 Chagrin Falls, OH 17
5. #3752 Zephyrhills, FL 15

Aerie (Individual):

1. Rob Warta 39
   Jefferson, OH #3881
2. Dave Gulash 28
   Raymond, AB #2100
3. Angie Fair 16
   Celina, OH #1291
3. Martha Newton 16
   Punta Gorda, FL #3296
5. Donald Mcgourty 13
   El Cajon, CA #3973

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Pam Ritchie 16
   Celina, OH #1291
2. Patricia Susan Malone 10
   Warren, PA #313
3. Le Anne Kaylor 6
   Canton, MO #1800
3. Dixie Berry 6
   Warsaw, OH #761
5. Allison Stith #2177 5
5. Rhonda Murlin #2633 5
5. Kristy Williams #3723 5
5. Janice Shirey #3807 5
5. Judy Lawless #4089 5
5. Linda Buback #4257 5
5. Peggi Ann #4299 5
5. Roxanne Ventura #506 5
5. Lori Wright #851 5

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We Are People Helping People

Arizona

- Lake Havasu Eagles #4299 donated $2,000 to the Lake Havasu Meals on Wheels program. During Covid-19, the Meals on Wheels program has been serving up to 300 meals a day for the past several weeks while struggling financially. This monetary donations will help keep this program going.

- Bob and Penny Lee, co-chairs for the Heart fund at Lake Havasu Eagles #4299 were proud to send a check in the amount of $14,520.10 to support Phoenix Children's Hospital Heart Research.

Canada

On Sunday, June 21, 2020 Moose Jaw Aerie #3395, held its first meeting after being closed for 3 months. During the Aerie meeting, Auxiliary Madam President Darlene Beaudin made a donation on behalf of Moose Jaw Auxiliary #3395 in the amount of $5,000 to Aerie President, Randy Wetaski, to assist the Aerie with the payment of the yearly property taxes as the Aerie has been without revenue for a few months. They said they are so proud to be a club that works together.

Kansas

- Junction City Kansas Auxiliary #830 held a Bingo tournament to help financially support their community. During Bingo, Madam President Rhonda Wilson presented a $5,000 check to her charity, Wheels Of Hope, and Bingo Chairman Linda Sullivan presented a check for $5,000 to Quality Play Park to help build on to the local park for the children. MP Wilson also presented Friends of Animals with a check for $1,000 and gave $1,500 to their Local Food Pantry.

Colorado

- With store shelves ravaged because of the Coronavirus, Pueblo West Colorado Aerie #4471 made arrangements with their supply wholesaler to let their members order meats, paper towels and toilet paper, and other essentials through the Aerie. A few of the members separated the orders and delivered them to members' cars once a week.

Oregon

- North Lincoln Eagles #2576 came together to provide meals for seniors and compromised citizens for quarantined individuals during this pandemic. Aerie member and caterer Frank Napoleon recognized the need for providing meals, and worked with Grill 1646 owner Dan, and Auxiliary President Bahni Thayer to put their plan to action. They coordinated a crew of about eight volunteers, and was able to prepare 60 meals for the first week, that were delivered by a few drivers. Now, they are currently preparing and delivering 250 meals a week, with over 20 volunteers assisting. #2576's Aerie President Dave Randleman has also been taking the calls for meals, and schedules the deliveries. Through generous support and contributions, they plan to continue their meal delivery program until September. To date, more than 7,000 meals have been prepared and delivered by Aerie #2576 and their volunteers.

Virginia

- Fredericksburg Eagles #4123 has been proudly supporting their Eagle Brothers, Ryan Pritt and Reggie Alcaraz, as they continue their racing careers at Dominion Raceway.

Wisconsin

- Manitowoc Eagles #706 presented a check in the amount of $1,140 to The

Eternal Flame and Veterans Memorial. A Flag Day service was held at the club on June 14th and local Vets were invited. and portable chemotherapy pumps and pouches to improve patient treatment options.

2020-2021 Grand Presidents

GWP Dave Smith and GMP Jacque Marble Charity
Throughout the year, Dave and Jacque will be raising money for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center's Bridge to the Cure project. Since founding the FOE DRC in 2008, our initial $25 million investment has returned nearly $300 million in additional research grants being used to make groundbreaking discoveries at our research center. The Bridge to the Cure aims to raise money to help us take those discoveries and turn them into new medicines aimed at fighting and, potentially, curing diabetes. Funds donated will be put toward preliminary drug trials which will identify medications that can be advanced to the next stages of medical testing. Without this seed money, our research would simply sit on a shelf, unable to help the millions with diabetes around the world. Don't let our legacy go to waste - donate to the DRC Bridge to the Cure project and help us SAVE LIVES!

News & Notes

Last call to Particapte in this year's Golf Tourney!
Join Woodland, MI. Eagles #3782 next month for the annual F.O.E. International Golf Tournament. This event will take place Aug. 22-23, 2020 at the Legacy of Hastings Golf Course. On Aug. 22, #3782 will be hosting a Fish Fry from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Aug. 23, they are hosting a Steak Fry from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. For rules, regulations and hotel information, visit the programs page on foe.com.

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